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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION PRESIDENT CARTER'S TRIP

1. MADRID PAPERS TODAY CONTINUED TO GIVE PROMINENT
COVERAGE TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S TRIP.

2. CONSERVATIVE ABC BEGAN ITS STORY WITH:
"SYMBOLISM. THAT IS THE WORD ONE HEARS ALL OVER
WASHINGTON IN SPEAKING OF THE TRIP WHICH PRESIDENT
CARTER BEGAN TODAY."

3. AFTER NOTING THAT PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR
BRZEZINSKI HAD CHARACTERIZED THE VOYAGE AS
"RESPONDING TO THE NEW WORLD REALTIES," ABC SAID:
"THIS PHRASE IS TRUE ONLY IN PART. NEITHER
VENEZUELA, BRAZIL OR LIBERIA ARE NEW NATIONS.
WHAT THE PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELLOR POSSIBLY MEANT
TO SAY IS THAT ALL THESE COUNTRIES HAVE BECOME
IMPORTANT TO THE U.S."

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4. GOVERNMENT ORIENTED "ARRIBA" STATES:"ACCORDING
TO STATEMENTS FILTERING THROUGH OFFICIAL WASHINGTON
THE FUNDAMENTAL INTENTION OF THIS CARTER TRIP IS
TO DRAMATIZE HIS INTEREST IN COUNTRIES WHICH ARE
EMERGING FROM THE SO-CALLED DEVELOPING WORLD."

5. CONSERVATIVE SENSATIONALIST "PUEBLO" COMMENTS

THAT: "IF PRESIDENT CARTER DELAYED HIS VOYAGE TO
LATIN AMERICA UNTIL NOW IN THE HOPE OF IMPROVING
THE IMAGE OF NORTH AMERICA AMONG ITS NEIGHBORS TO
THE SOUTH, HE HAS MADE A GREAT ERROR. LATIN AMERICA
CONSIDERS FORD AND CARTER, AS FAR AS ITS INTERESTS
ARE CONCERNED, AS ALMOST THE SAME AND, WITH
APOLOGIES, ONLY A QUESTION OF 'THE SAME DOGS WITH
DIFFERENT COLLARS.'" RYLANCE

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